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REPLY UNDER  
R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

PATENT  
2185-0156P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John E. BOYNTON et al. Conf.: 2008  
Appl. No.: 09/331,723 Group: 1638  
Filed: August 18, 1999 Examiner: A. Mehta  
For: METHODS OF CONFERRING PPO-INHIBITING HERBICIDE  
RESISTANCE TO PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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July 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 17, 19 and 25-42 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of conferring resistance to protoporphyrinogen oxidase-inhibiting herbicides upon plants or plant